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**APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF AFGHANISTAN**

**IPF: (1992-96) $70 039 000**

**(AFG/89/001) - UNV Multisectoral Technical Support for Relief and Rehabilitation in Afghanistan (Supplementary Assistance)**

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| Date of approval by the AC:[1/] | 16 December 1992 | |
| Expected duration: | Four years and five months | |
| Proposed executing agency: | UNV in association with FAO, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and WHO | |
| Proposed UNDP contribution: | $1 632 100 | Source of funds: IPF |
| Previous UNDP budget: | $ 604 000 | |
| Total UNDP budget: | $2 236 100 | |
| Parallel Financing: | $3 600 000 | UNOCA (AFG/89/V01) |

## Project background

Following the signing of the Geneva Accords in April 1988, the Secretary-General on 14 June 1988 launched an appeal to the international community requesting assistance for the reconstruction of Afghanistan. The appeal contained a proposal for a $5 million project under which United Nations Volunteers would assume operational activities in essential areas of programme implementation, complementing and reinforcing services rendered by UN agencies and NGOs.

A UNV fact-finding mission was fielded in late January 1989 to review the operational environment in which UNV assistance could be utilized in Afghanistan. It was recognized that there was an urgent need to deliver operational, logistical and technical assistance to the rural population in many parts of Afghanistan, through UN agencies and NGOs, working cross-border and inside Afghanistan, within the Operation Salam programme of the Office of the UN Co-ordinator for Afghanistan (UNOCA).

The joint UNOCA/UNV evaluation, carried out in November/December 1991, in its mission report "UNVs and Afghanistan" endorsed the activities and impact provided by UNVs to the overall assistance of UN agencies in Afghanistan and cross-border, cross-line, and recommended continuation of the project. UNDP decided that effective January 1992, all UNVs under the umbrella of the project working in UNDP technical assistance projects would be reflected in the substantive projects so that their technical input would be fully integrated, and to ensure better technical backstopping and supervision by the executing agency.

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With the establishment, in April 1992, of the interim Government of the Islamic State of Afghanistan, the urgency and pressure for rehabilitation activities has increased. By the end of 1992 it is estimated that 1.5 million Afghans will have returned to their homeland to start to rebuild their lives.

Due to lack of resources from UNOCA to meet the targetted amount of$4,440,000 under AFG/89/V01 budget, and insufficient provision by UN agencies to meet such costs, UNDP has been requested to fund UNVs working with other agencies from the IPF, on an exceptional and limited time basis, as a contribution of UNDP to humanitarian assistance and emergency relief/rehabilitation for Afghanistan. Funds committed by the Government of Japan, together with other UNOCA funds available, will meet UNOCA's obligations up to end 1992.

## Description of project

The main objective of the initial 28-month project, covering UNOCA targetted inputs amounting to $4,440,000 under AFG/89/V01 and $550,000 from UNDP under AFG/89/001, was to play a contributing role in the social and economic recovery of Afghanistan, through the provision of 100 UNVs to address the shortage of specialized technical and administrative personnel in Afghanistan, and among the refugee populations in Pakistan and Iran, for the rapid implementation of UN relief and rehabilitation projects. UNOCA inputs were to cover 90 UNVs, while UNDP inputs were for 10 UNVs to work with two NGOs, plus equipment and miscellaneous costs.

The immediate objectives of the project are to: (a) cover the requirements for UNVs in 1993, as an input to support humanitarian emergency activities, providing food, shelter, health supplies and fuel; and (b) meet the cost of 45 UN Volunteers working in non-UNDP financed FAO, UNESCO, UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP and WHO assistance programmes, as well as a UNDP/UNV operations officer.

Project activities will include the undertaking of UNV operational and monitoring activities that will contribute to the following assistance programmes: (i) FAO: Prevention of Moroccan locust and sunn-pest infestation; (ii) UNESCO: Construction and operation of village schools; (iii) UNHCR: Repatriation of refugees from Pakistan and Iran; (iv) UNICEF: Community health in five locations; (v) WFP: Food availability in deficit areas; and (vi) WHO: Basic health services in six locations.

## Inputs

UNDP will provide for over-expenditure in 1991, the cost of four UN Volunteers in 1992, and 45 UN Volunteers in 1993; equipment; and miscellaneous costs.

## Financial data

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| Personnel | 1 526 100 |
| Equipment | 56 300 |
| Miscellaneous | 49 700 |
| Total | 1 632 100 |

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